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Letter dated 26 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, to request you officially to set up an ad hoc advisory group on Burundi to study and monitor the economic and humanitarian situation in Burundi in this especially difficult period for the country and with a view to post-conflict reconstruction.

The transitional Government considers that, two years after the signing of the Peace Agreement and 10 months after its implementation, the time has come to explore all ways of strengthening the process, with a view to the definitive emergence of Burundi from the state of crisis in which it has existed since 1993.

The Government of Burundi hopes that, once it has been set up, the ad hoc advisory group will mobilize the international community in favour of assistance to Burundi in the spirit of the aforementioned resolution and the letter dated 23 May 2002 addressed to you by the head of the second Security Council mission to Burundi.

The Permanent Mission is available to discuss with you all the issues relating to the setting up of the ad hoc advisory group on Burundi and to the commencement of its work. It is also ready to provide you with the necessary information on the peace process, the economic situation and the status of the ceasefire negotiations.

(*Signed*) Marc **Nteturuye**
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